

**COMMENTS**

In response to the restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on December 2, 2002, the Applicant hereby elects Group I as defined by claims 1 through 12, and 60 through 69.

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Robert O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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